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Examiner: Shay L Balsis
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Sir,

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 03/15/2004.

Introductory Comments

To overcome the examiner's objections to my claims, independent Claims 1, 8, and 9 are amended. I withdraw Claim 10 as unimportant. Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 that are dependent on Claim 1, are also discussed in this response.

With regard to the requirements to the drawings and specifications, they were addressed in my previous letter that I recently mailed to your office.

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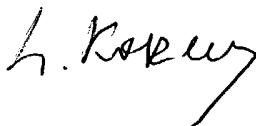
Before you begin reading my 'official' response to your action, I would like to share with you some considerations about my invention because a clear presentation of one's invention is as important as the invention itself. Specifically, let me briefly introduce you the major goals I try to achieve with my invention:

1. Preventing the paint roller sleeve from axial sliding.
2. Hermetically sealing the inner chamber of the paint roller *Frame* during painting.
3. Making it easy to put the paint roller sleeve on and off.
4. Allowing usage of the same paint roller frame with roller sleeves of different lengths.
5. Painting corners.
6. Preventing dark marks on the wall from occasional touching by the shaft.
7. Mounting the roller frame higher on a grid that is fastened in a paint bucket.
8. Achieving all these goals with the same paint roller frame.

Over years I learned that one should not trust a drawing when concluding whether a new design is as good as it seems. Only testing the real working tool can ultimately prove the concept. So, I made and tested a working prototype (actually, a number of working prototypes) for my design that has all the features mentioned above. It is also simple to manufacture, convenient to use, and easy to assemble / disassemble and clean. It would be my pleasure to show you how it works if you find it useful.

I hope that this short introductory letter could be helpful to achieve better mutual understanding.

Sincerely,

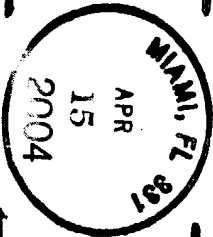


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